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Athletic Hall of Fame Honorees Named



Fred A. Tweedlie

Fred A. Tweedlie, a graduate of Union High School in Benwood, WV, attended Potomac State playing football from 1946-1948. He was a member of the championship team in the WV Collegiate Conference in 1947. After earning a master's degree in health, physical education and recreation from WVU, Tweedlie was employed with the Marshall County School system for more than 40 years, serving as the athletic director and also coaching football, basketball and track. He has taken his teams through regional competition while remaining undefeated, was responsible for major athletic updates at John Marshall High School, was the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions and has had an invitation track meet named in his honor. Tweedlie was recognized by Governors Rockefeller and Caperton as an "Outstanding West Virginian" and by Governor Arch Moore for "Academic and Professional Excellence." (*Due to the untimely death of Mr. Tweedlie he will now be honored posthumously.*)



Jack Reynolds

Jack Reynolds was employed with Potomac State from September 1970 to May 2005. He was instrumental in getting several sports started, including golf, softball and the resurrection of the baseball team in 1991. His golf teams attended the national tournament two years in a row. He

was named "WPCC Coach of the Year" five times. Reynolds also taught history at the College. He earned his master's in history from the University of Oklahoma.



William F. Kennedy

William F. Kennedy graduated from Potomac State in 1964. While here, he played in the position of wide receiver and halfback on the football team and was the second leading scorer averaging 26 yards per catch. Kennedy also played on the basketball team as a point guard, never missing a game and all the while carrying a 23-hour course load. Kennedy earned his bachelor's degree in finance from WVU in 1964. He enjoyed coaching little league and volunteered at the Group Home for Boys in Paramus, New Jersey. Kennedy has worked as a financial adviser for several companies and is currently retired from Paine Webber.



Walter "Corky" Devlin

Walter "Corky" Devlin, a '51 graduate of Potomac State, will be honored posthumously for his achievements on the basketball court. Devlin led the team in scoring during the 1950-51 season. He was drafted by the Philadelphia Warriors of the National Basketball Association in the second round. He played two years for the Fort Wayne Pistons and one year for the Minneapolis Lakers. He scored a total of 4,025 points in 210 games.

Dinah Courier Named Recipient of Neil S. Bucklew Award for Social Justice



Congratulations to Dinah Courier for being named this year's recipient of the annual Neil S. Bucklew Award for Social Justice. The honor is sponsored by the President's Office for Social Justice in conjunction with the Social Justice Council at West Virginia University.

The award carries a \$2,500 stipend for faculty, staff or administrators who have been or are currently involved in the promotion of social

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Douglas Shaffer, MD Scholar's Wall Honoree



Dr. Douglas Shaffer, a 1984 graduate of Keyser High School, attended Potomac State for three semesters; he was a Hestkitt Scholar, a member of the jazz band and a member of Sigma Phi

Omega Honor Society. Shaffer continued his education at West Virginia University, graduating from the School of Pharmacy and WVU School of Medicine. He completed his schooling at the University of North Carolina Hospitals and Duke University School of Medicine.

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Through your estate plans, you can become a member of the Dr. Ernest E. and Katharine "Church" Society. For more information, contact Libby Nichols at (304) 788-6870.

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justice. Recognition is given to the recipient who has best demonstrated outstanding leadership, courage, and support on a continuous basis in the area of social justice in the WVU system, and is awarded in February of each year. She was nominated by Campus Provost Kerry Odell.

Courier will receive her award during a special program in Morgantown on April 11 which coincides with WVU's and PSC's Weekend of Honors. She has served as Potomac State's Social Justice Liaison for the past 12 years.

The award recognizes the accomplishments of former WVU President Neil S. Bucklew, whose leadership and vision led to the establishment of the President's Office of Social Justice during his tenure as the University's 20th president.

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Dr. Shaffer has worked with the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the U.S. Department of Defense. After teaching medicine in Kenya for the Indiana University-Moi University Schools of Medicine for a year, he was invited to return to Kenya to help establish HIV/AIDS treatment clinics under President Bush's "President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Research" program. He is currently the Director of the United States Army Medical Research Unit-Kenya HIV Program in Kericho, Kenya.

Many Thanks

Many thanks for your financial support of the alumni newsletter. We will continue to share information with you on a semi-annual basis as long as funds allow. If you would like to assist us, please make your check payable to the PSC Alumni Association and mail it to Libby Nichols, Potomac State College of WVU, 101 Fort Avenue, Keyser, WV 26726.



*Thank
You!*

College Institutes New Emergency Alert System

"We hope we never have to use this system; however, if a situation should warrant it, we can now send out vital safety information to our campus community quickly and efficiently," stated Campus Provost Kerry Odell during the kick-off of the Potomac State messaging alert system introduced in January. The alert system

allows users to receive up to three types of alerts: emergency, crime and severe weather conditions. In order to receive the alerts, students, staff and faculty must register their cell phone numbers with the system which will send a text message to their phone should a crisis arise.

Foundations Celebrate 10-Year Anniversary

Potomac State College hosted a reception in celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the merger of Potomac State's Foundation

with West Virginia University's Foundation. Since 1997, the foundation has funneled approximately \$2.7 million into scholarships and various projects at Potomac State. Russell K. Dean, senior associate provost at WVU congratulated Dr. Kerry Odell for supporting the merger and securing a future of growth at the College. According to President of the WVU Foundation, R. Wayne King, "The merger has resulted in the establishment of 28 new scholarships for the benefit of students at Potomac State and one hundred percent of every gift given to the foundation has been used for the purpose of which it was intended."

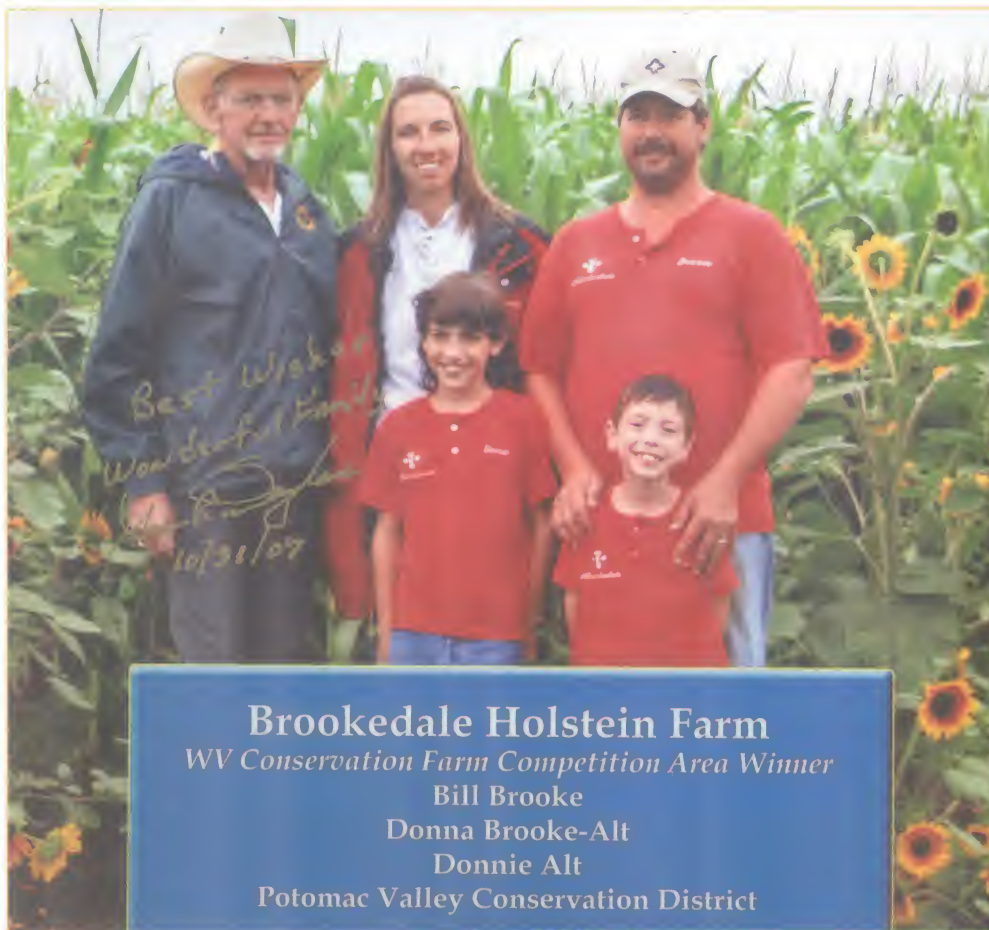


PICTURED LEFT TO RIGHT ARE: Tim Bolling, Assistant Vice President of Development for University Units; R. Wayne King, President of WVU Foundation; Dr. Kerry Odell, Campus Provost; Libby Nichols, Alumni/Development Association; Russell K. Dean, Senior Assistant Provost, WVU.

Alumni Spotlight

Donna Brooke-Alt

GRADUATION
May 10, 2008



Brookedale Holstein Farm
WV Conservation Farm Competition Area Winner
Bill Brooke
Donna Brooke-Alt
Donnie Alt
Potomac Valley Conservation District

Donna Brooke-Alt has called Brookedale Farms home since she was born. She and her brother, Bill, along with her husband Donnie, have run the farm for the past 22 years.

Brookedale Farms is tucked away in a lush valley just a few miles south of Ft. Ashby, WV. A typical year at the farm consists of milking approximately 76 Holstein dairy cattle 365 days a year, spending 150 days in the greenhouse, constructing and offering tours of a corn maze 60 days a year and spending about 45 days tending the vegetable farm. And if that's not enough, this alumna still finds time to work with 4-H, FFA and the Cub Scouts. She is a member of the county Farmland Preservation Board, serves as an advisor on the county FSA Committee, and also serves on the Farm Credit of the Virginias Board of Directors, in addition to keeping the books for the different business entities located at the farm.

Donna was featured in the December/January 2008 issue of *Farm & Ranch Living Magazine*.

She was one of four diarists chosen for The Way We Live section of the magazine. Donna kept a journal for the month of September of the day-to-day operations at the farm, beginning from early morning until late at night.

Donna also holds an Annual Fall Feast-Off to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in Morgantown, WV as a thank you for all they did for her family after her son Derek was born with jujenal atresia (twisted bowel).

Brookedale Farms recently received the West Virginia Conservation Farm Competition Area Winner Award from the Potomac Valley Conservation District. The award was presented by West Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Gus R. Douglas.

Donna is a 1985 graduate of Potomac State; her husband Donnie also attended Potomac State and is a graduate of the Class of 1986. They are the parents of two sons, Devon and Derek.

College to Hold State Horse Judging Contest

It's not the Kentucky Derby, but there will be horses, lots of them, including Quarter Horses, Arabians, Paso Fino, Draft Breeds and Thoroughbreds. Potomac State College of WVU will be hosting the State 4-H and FFA Horse Judging Contest on April 26, 2008. Performance classes being judged are Western Pleasure, English Pleasure and Hunter Under Saddle or Hunter Hack. Halter classes will also be judged.

The State 4-H winning team will compete in the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest which will be held in Louisville, KY in November. The State FFA winning team will compete at the National Horse Judging Contest held in conjunction with the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN at the end of October.

For more information contact Sandy Smith, Program Coordinator for Agriculture and Forestry, at 304-788-6866.



Connector Opens

Faculty, staff, and students of Potomac State College of West Virginia University were on hand February 28th to celebrate the ribbon cutting and official opening of the connector, a construction project joining the Administration Building and Academy Hall. The three-story connector provides elevator service to both buildings making accessibility to them ADA compliant.

PSC Students Excel

Donnie Marple – National Champ

Former Potomac State student and Keyser resident Donnie Marple drummed his way to Hollywood, California where he was named “Guitar Center Drum-Off Grand Champion.” Twenty-year-old Marple beat out approximately 6,400 drummers nationwide to achieve this success. Donnie is the son of Patti and Rick Marple.

Hospitality Internship

Sarah Twigg, a 2007 graduate of the Hospitality and Tourism Program at Potomac State, says her eight-week, hands-on internship at the Ritz Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, FL last summer was enlightening, fun and a great learning experience.

Now a junior at WVU, Twigg summed up her internship experience this way; “The Ritz Carlton is world-renowned for their incredible guest services; therefore, I received extensive training in this field. I had the privilege of working with people from all over the world and the opportunity for a ‘behind the scenes’ look at a large, prestigious establishment, and learned what it takes for it to run smoothly. The internship was an amazing, yet challenging experience, but with the training I received in Chef Vieli’s classes, I was prepared for its demands.”

Join us for our third annual WEEKEND OF HONORS

April 9-13, 2008

DATE	ACTIVITY	LOCATION	TIME	COST
Wednesday, April 9	Outstanding Staff Reception	Banquet Room University Place	3 p.m.	No Charge
Thursday, April 10	Outstanding Professor Reception For faculty and staff	Candlewyck Inn Carriage House	4-6 p.m.	No Charge
Friday, April 11	Student Support Services Awards Banquet (By invitation)	Keyser Presbyterian Church	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	No Charge
Saturday, April 12	PSC Baseball Game – DH	Golden Park	1 p.m.	No Charge
	Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet Reservations required contact Libby Nichols at 304-788-6870 or 800-262-7332	Lough Gymnasium	6 p.m.	\$20
Sunday, April 13	PSC Softball Game	Stayman Field	1 p.m.	No Charge
	Scholar's Wall Recognition	Scholar's Wall	2:30 p.m.	No Charge
	Recognition Day	Lough Gymnasium	3:30 p.m.	
	Sigma Phi Omega Banquet Reservations required contact Dinah Courier at 304-788-6947 or 800-262-7332	Lough Gymnasium	5 p.m.	\$14

Local motels: *The Candlewyck Inn* – (304) 788-6594 • *Keyser Inn* – 1-800-532-9413

Memorabilia Request

My co-workers and I are collecting Potomac State pictures, memorabilia, etc., which will be permanently displayed in the hallway outside of the Alumni Office. If you have

pictures, jackets, uniforms, or anything that you might want to donate, please let me know. We prefer to have copies of the pictures as we will not display the originals. If you cannot have the pictures copied, we will copy them and return them to you. We will have a locked glass showcase for things such as jackets. We are very excited about this project and thank you in advance for sharing with us - **Libby**